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Dear Jim & Vickie,

Today's Sunday, and Mike & I just got home from work! I wasn't kidding when I said we worked 7 days. This was a little unusual, however. Durkin's main secretary has been in the hospital so I have been doing both our jobs.

I know what you mean about expenses. Mike & my expenses cut about in half when we come to Olympia. No parking expense, or gas, and we bring our lunches every day. Those darn Federal employees -- always getting raises!

I bet Vickie is glad to be through with school. That certainly is a long time to go continuously. It is ~~hard~~ to find <sup>(BESIDES TEACHING)</sup> other jobs\* due to the discrimination against women.

I know Vickie will find something she likes, though. It has been very snowy here. We had to put chains on to get out of the parking lot a couple mornings.

I am reading the 10-year course in the Great Books. (Did I tell you that)? I bought Aristotle & Plutarch's Lives down here and try to make myself read an hour each night. Its really very good. Its surprising how a lot of the problems they talk about, are the same today -- for instance,

the generation gap.

The young Democrats are trying to get McGovern out here for their convention in February. Everyone else around here is pretty worked up over Jackson for President. Mike thinks he has a pretty good chance of being on the ticket since he is about the only well-known hawk the Democrats have. Durkan sure looks good right now. But, a lot can happen in two years.

Mike is on a diet, but he is trying to rationalize now so he can pop some pop corn.

Write again when you have time.

Love,  
Mary